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**Brooklyn Man Sentenced for Drug Trafficking**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that **Sidney Tyler**, 19, of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced yesterday to 120 months in federal prison to be followed by eight years of supervised release. U.S. District Judge D. Brock Hornby imposed the sentence following Tyler's guilty plea on August 28, 2009, to the charge of possession with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing cocaine base, also known as crack cocaine.

Court documents indicate that on May 27, 2009, officers with the Scarborough, Maine Police Department arrested Tyler on an outstanding arrest warrant. During his arrest, a trained and certified narcotics detecting canine gave a positive alert to the presence of narcotics in the area of Tyler's pants. Law enforcement subsequently located multiple plastic baggies containing crack cocaine that was packaged for distribution. Court documents indicate that less than a year before his arrest, Tyler was convicted of a separate drug trafficking felony in Cumberland County Superior Court.

U.S. Attorney Silsby praised the investigative efforts of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the Scarborough Police Department. U.S. Attorney Silsby stated that Tyler's conviction and sentence are significant because they demonstrate that recidivist drug traffickers who distribute illegal drugs in Maine will be prosecuted and face significant sentences.

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